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TELEPHONE CALL, NO. 84.

TALKS OF THE TOWN.

A. E. Clutter was in Springfield yesterday.

Sole Lodge I O O F will install officers to-night and have a banquet.

The Buckeye Pipe Line boys will have a clam bake at McBeth's Saturday.

Chas. Q. Davis, of Columbus, a well known newspaper man, was in the city yesterday afternoon.

Two tramps were captured in the C. & D. yards last night and locked up for safe keeping.

Nancy Gallagher was locked up last night for beating his wife. He will be given a hearing to-morrow.

W. A. Marry has sold the Bradford liquor store, in the southeastern part of the Square to Clem Chipman.

The celebrated Hiestand Van Wert band will give a concert in the West stand from 5 to 10 o'clock this evening.

Last evening a stone was hurled through a C. & D. passenger coach near Piazza. Ed McConnell, of Piqua, was hit and hurt.

The Limas defeated the Columbus ball team in the game yesterday by a score of 18 to 5. Lou Laumt, made his debut as a pitcher and struck out twelve men.

Fred Rost, sixteen years old, was firing off a small gas pipe cannon last evening when it exploded. It was attached to a board and one of the nails buried itself in young Rost's right leg. It took two doctors to extract it.

The funeral services of the six weeks-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mohr, of 618 South Tanner street, were held from the residence at 8 o'clock this morning and the remains were taken to Greenville for burial, leaving here on the C. & D. at 9:25 o'clock.

MANY ALARMS.

The Department Kept Busy Responding This Morning.

News Stand Damaged. Reckless Use of Fire Works the Cause of Several Alarms.

About 7:20 o'clock this morning a devil chain was torn off in front of Tim Rowlands' cigar and cigar stand in a small room at the east side of Main street, south of the Elmer. The old boy, who had been in the door and looking among some papers, etc., started a fire and an alarm was sent in from box 78. The fire was extinguished but not until the front windows had been broken and considerable damage done to the stock.

LOOF ON FIRE.

At 9:20 o'clock this morning an alarm was sent in from box 31 at the corner of North and Pine streets and the central department responded, finding the roof of Ed Stump's residence, on East North street, blazing slightly. A ladder was raised and the fire extinguished by the use of buckets before more than \$5 damage was done.

The origin of the fire is unknown but it is supposed to have started from firecrackers.

A BARN BURN.

At 9:40 o'clock, almost before the horses were unhitched and hove wag on and ladder truck replaced in Central station, another alarm sounded from box 13, at the corner of Main and Grand avenue. Another good run was made to King McCellan's residence, at 251 North Main street, where a barn had caught fire. It is also presumed, from a fire-cracker.

Fortunately, the flames, which had started in one of the stalls inside of barn, were extinguished before any great damage was done.

WAS NO FIRE.

At 4:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon some one discovered smoke blowing over the C. & D. passenger depot and, thinking that that depot was on fire, sent an alarm into central station by telephone. The department turned out but found no fire and returned.

SEVERAL SMALL FIRES.

There were many other fires in the city but they were extinguished without alarm being turned in. A residence stove used in a room at the postoffice, where the W. V. R. C. were serving dinner, got out of order and caused a lively blaze until it was extinguished.

A wood shed on West Market street was set on fire by a fire cracker, and there was a small blaze at H. E. Enrich's on West Market street, but like the others was extinguished without any difficulty.

The attention of every member of the Lima Council is especially directed to the five-year guaranty section required of paving contractors in Dayton, which is published in another column of this edition. Compare that with the weak, one-year guaranty called for in the Lima specifications.

The Ladies' Aid Society.

Of St. Paul's Lutheran church will hold an all day session at the home of Mrs. Stockton in the country. They will please meet at the Hendie residence, South Pierce street, at 9 a. m. sharp, Thursday. All those having conveyances please bring them.

The New Song.

A Piece of His Baby Dress," just out. The latest hit. See it at HERMAN & VANORRIS'S 333 N. Main St.

SQUANDERING MONEY.

Will be the Verdict if the Public Square Contract is Let Under the Present Specifications.

A Five Year Guaranty Should be Had, and Would be Willingly Given if Good Work Were Intended—On Inferior Work Only One Year is Given.

People who are interested in public works will do well to watch the bidding course of the *Republican-Gazette* on the subject of taxes from now until after the November election.

When the fall campaign opens up they will cry about high taxes, etc. But now, when there is an opportunity to do honest work in saving the taxpayers money they take a position adverse to them.

They advise and recommend the spending of \$10,000 of the peoples' money for a job of paving on the Public Square that will not last more than one year—which the contractors do not guarantee for more than that period.

Thirty thousand dollars squandered. When the year is passed, and the money spent, the guarantee removed, the bond released and the pavement commences to go to pieces the taxpayers will be asked to pay the money with which to commence the repair work. And this work will go on continually, each year's wear making the street worse and requiring more repairing until when the last bond of the issue of \$30,000, with its interest, is paid the city will have neither paving or money.

What is there in the job that it is sought to award the contract on a one year guaranty, on Lima's work when every other city in America has a guarantee of five years on its paving? Looks queer, don't it?

In other places paving is guaranteed for five years, and all the defects, etc., which develop either in the foundation or in the surface within that period are made good by the contractors, they being required to lay a good local bond for the faithful performance of the work.

Why is there such a change in Lima's specifications by which we only get one fifth as long a guarantee?

Are they going to admit such poor material that the contractors know it will not last longer than a year?

\$30,000 a year is a little high for the people to pay for keeping up the public square.

Why should the *Republican-Gazette*, one of the papers of the city, favor such a burden on the taxpayers? Looks queer, don't it?

Whatever form of paving is used on the square it should be so honestly constructed that the contractors will be willing to guarantee to put the seal of endorsement on the work, to express their confidence in the lasting quality of the paving by giving the same guarantee that is given in other cities on similar paving.

We expect to pay good money for the paving and nothing should be contracted for that will not give the taxpayer full equivalent for the money. Anything less than this will expose the council and everyone connected with it to the severest censure.

We do not need a paving on the square that will cost \$30,000 and be so poorly constructed that the contractors themselves are afraid or unwilling to guarantee for five years as is done every where else in the country.

To save \$2,000 or \$3,000 in the outlay and have to pay \$10,000 or \$15,000 for repairs within two years would be a shameful waste of the people's money, which taxpayers will not stand if the council insists on it. The inequity will be stopped by an injunction.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Who They Are Where They Have Been and are Going.

Joe Brown is in Geneva, Ind.

Mrs. Louise Kephler is the guest of friends in Dayton.

Rev. L. Brady is the guest of his parents in Norwalk.

Mrs. C. K. Klump and children are visiting in Oil City, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hubbard are visiting friends in Decatur, Ind.

Kent Melhorn, of Kenton, is the guest of friends in the city to-day.

Mr. Thomas, of Sidney, is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. C. F. Yaker.

Miss Ella Holihan left to-day on an extended visit to her parents in Quincy.

Mrs. Dr. D. H. Sullivan of West High street, is the guest of friends in St. Mary's.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Andt, of Toledo, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Strickland.

C. S. Kiplinger, wife and son of Indianapolis, are visiting her parents, D. S. Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stewart went to Cincinnati last night to see the bicycle races.

Thos. McDonald of Toledo was in the city last night, enroute to the Indiana oil field.

J. W. Tyler, of Fremont O. is visiting his brother in law J. H. Heery, 363 East Market street.

Mrs. Mary Gaud of Sidney is visiting her sister, Mrs. Maggie Stan come, of North Union street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Leonard of Findlay, are visiting her mother, Mrs. Thomas, of South West street.

Mrs. W. F. Troop and children, of North Metcalfe street are the guests of her parents in Wapakoneta.

Mrs. Johanna O'Connell has removed her family from 117 West High street to 617 North Main street.

Miss Hattie Higginbotham returned last night from a delightful visit with Miss Axe, at St. Mary's.

Miss Minnie Ackerly has returned to her home in Sidney after a visit with her sister, Mrs. Chas. Pangie.

Mrs. Mary Trucks and daughter Miss Florence, of Montpelier, Ohio,

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